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FOR AMBASSADOR EDWIN M MARTIN

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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE - VISIT OF
AMBASSADOR EDWIN M MARTIN

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1. AMBASSADOR MARTIN PRESENTED US VIEWS ON OBJECTIVES OF
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION RE WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS OVER SHORT,
MEDIUM, AND LONG TERM AND ON SPECIFIC ITEMS IN PREPOSED WORLD
FOOD CONFERENCE AGENDA IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND
AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR CONRADO BECKMANN,
SUBSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, FOREIGN
MINISTRY.

2. BECKMANN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR VISIT AND DETAILED
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PRESENTATION, SAYING GOA WOULD CAREFULLY STUDY POINTS RAISED

AND RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH ITS OWN VIEWS. STATED THAT WHILE THERE MAY BE SOME AREAS WHERE OBJECTIVES DIFFER, AREAS OF CONVERGENCE ARE MUCH LARGER. ARGENTINE OFFICIALS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCING OF STORAGE FACILITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ARGENTINA, AND RELATED NEED TO FINANCE COST OF HOLDING AND TRANSFERRING STOCKS. BECKMANN NOTED GROWING TENDENCY OF NATIONS TO MOVE TOWARD BARTER AND BILATERAL TRADING AGREEMENTS IN RAW MATERIALS AS RESULT OF CURRENT SHORT SUPPLY PROBLEMS. OFFICIALS WERE NON-COMMITTAL ON GOA POSITION ON STRONG INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, BUT NOTED THAT MOST LDC INTEREST IN SUCH AGREEMENTS RELATES TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS AND NOT GRAINS.

3. SIMILAR PRESENTATION MADE TO AMBASSADOR LEOPOLDO TETTAMANTI, SECRETARY OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF ECONOMY. TETTAMANTI ALSO PROMISED TO STUDY US VIEWS AND PROVIDE COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE.
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